

A Romance. . . By MAX PEMBERTON.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

Kitty thanked her, but made no comment. The old lady's departure seemed to her a comedy ironical, but not the only one these swift weeks had provoked. She could imagine the silver-haired grand dame rolling on to wards Windsor, thence to London perhaps; could see her courtesying her and courtesying there, bowing to her

Oddy enough it was almost at this hour that Aunt Elizabeth, having been most rudely treated at Windsor and determined to choose a better lot, not a hundred yards from the ditch, of Medmenham Abbey, he believed that his money had been well earned.

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will occupy 10 minutes. After the ceremony the King and Queen will be conducted over the new buildings, which include a library and a museum.

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THE ROUNDABOUT PAPERS.

XXXVI.—THE MAN WHO LAUGHED.

By CHRIS.



The Man who Laughed.

A wedding was threatened to take place in Acadia-ria. The prospective victim was Mr. Chas. Eros. I refrain from mentioning the name of the bride, for delicate reasons. I am sure that the chain themselves to the pen for a living. The news that the approaching ceremony was declared "off" caused all the faces of the bride and groom to drop; and the rumours of a sequel in the shape of a threatened action for breach of promise has created a corresponding upward tendency in feminine spirits and conversation.

Why was the match broken off? What was the mystery? It was not till I ran young Charles to earth in the corner of a first-class carriage in the last down train that I heard the truth of the episode which had stirred Acadia-ria to its human depths. He wore his hat at the back of his head, and looked as though he was just recovering from a severe fright; then he told the following narrative:

"Of course you know, old boy, that I was left an orphan at an early age. Here Charles passed, took off his silk hat and waited for a tear to drop within. The tear, however, stopped at the halfway house of emotion, and Charles, with a sigh of disgust, resumed his headgear. 'Well, I know little of the world and less of love, I thought less still of marriage, but Tilly's family supplied all the thought in that direction, and, somehow, the idea grew on me. Now, in the absence of parents, guardians, etc., I be-



"Going to get married? Best thing in the world for you," said Archie.

thought me of a confere of yours and an old friend of mine who would be likely to give me good advice, namely Archie, sneaked into the 'Weekly Worm,' and the celebrated author of those learned works on cannibal life entitled, 'Why Live Single When You Can Die Married?' In an Armchair Made for Two, 'How Two Can Live on 1s. 6d. a Day,' and works of that sort of cosy corner and grape nuts class. I found Archie at his office. His 45 summers hung like a load on him, although Time had half caupied him. Directly I communicated the object of my visit to him he gave me a slap on the back, which jerked the one false tooth I had in my head into Archie's favourite ink bottle.

"Marriage!" he roared. "Just the thing for a growing, healthy, 30-in. gradient headed young fellow like yourself. First of all it teaches you unselfishness, enough of having three suits to your back and a spare overcoat, your wife can, and probably will, whether you like it or not, have three dresses—you can then look for your own suit and spare the overcoat. Coming to money matters, that will never worry you, I can promise you that. Why, my boy, every time you can plug your little pile into your dear little wife's hand, bless your lucky stars if she says 'thank you,' and you can take my word, my darling bonnie, that the one and ninepence or so she leaves you to spend will not bring on brain fever."

"Then we come to the drink question. Well, on a limited amount of cash, like one and ninepence or thereabouts, you can assure yourself that, so far as you are concerned, you will not only have the satisfaction of being a staunch and steady supporter of the temperance cause, but furthermore, you will have the consolation that



The Married Men.

you will never suffer from the results of the liquid lane of society in the form of delirium tremens, lunacy, jerks, jowlsness, rats, switches, jumps, and publican's blash!

"Then look, my rising hope of Merry England, on how you can grow tough in the service of your wife and me when the children arrive. Think of the discipline, and how injured you become to trifling annoyances when you perform a semi-circuit of twenty-four feet for fifty consecutive times on a stretch of unchilled linoleum with a squalling baby wrestling with its first tooth on a forty-five pound power to keep a Cathedral organ in full blast. Consider the training it engenders. You don't perhaps think so at the time, but it's worth sarks of unalloyed gold."

"Of course, 'There comes a time some day,' as the perambulating organs once used to trill forth on a wired harp of forty-five horse-power and eighty miles an hour, and you want to see more of the moon. 'Tis then you would perhaps delight the gallant Baden-Powell's heart. I have, and always will declare most emphatically that matured British husbands are the best of counsels, and in a time of stress and danger in this country would be the

backbone of our defence. Could the wily Sioux, or the tuft-hunting, panther-like Apache, rival the stealthy tread of the married man as he crawls up the stairs on his way to the nuptial bed-chamber at two o'clock in the morning in his stocking feet with his boots slung by their laces round his devoted neck?

"Then there's—'Here,' said Charles, 'I interrupted Archie, and lunch with me.'"

"Rather, I feel like a half-starved war-bog. What did you ask me?"

"Who was the meek-looking man in the shirt sleeves with a crest on him like the comb of a half-starved cockatoo, who came into my office and shouted 'Woman ought to be kept in her place'?"

"Oh, he's our chief sub., 'Is he married?' 'Rather, my boy.' 'And the man who followed him, who was suffering from a slight touch of hicough, and howled out that he was an Anti-Suffragist and that the baw lassies should be kept under a canny thumb, an' he was the mon to do it—was he also married?' 'I should think he was.' 'I didn't quite catch what he said—' 'Oh, beg pardon, the stout, florid, hectoring, meek, yellow faced, hectoring, meek, the man who was afraid of a woman ought to be shot at on sight—' 'Is he married?' 'By the holy pat of St. Mildred, there isn't any doubt about that. Poor fellow! poor fellow! He's caught it worse than the others.'"

"What did you say?" "What was the young man with the face with the lumps in it, who sang and laughed the loudest?" "Why he's the only single man on the staff!"

"Now you know," added Charles, in a chief mourner's sort of voice, "why those wedding bells will not ring out in Acadia-ria."

P.S.—I fancy that this story has reached the ears of the Chieftainess, for she has barred Archie from our list, despite my declaration that I do not hold him in all of his opinions.—CHRIS.

VARIETY ARTISTS' WIN.

MR. DE FRECE WITHDRAWS 10 PER CENT. CLAUSE FROM CONTRACTS. The threatened strike of music-hall artists at the De Frece circuit of music-halls has been averted. An ultimatum was sent to Mr. Walter de Frece from the Variety Artists' Federation calling upon him to delete one of the clauses from his contract forms, and demanding, on pain of a strike, a written guarantee that in cases of contracts already issued he would consider such clause null and void. Mr. de Frece has written to the secretary of the federation agreeing, under protest, that the clause shall be taken out of all contracts issued from his office. The opposed clause was as follows:—

This engagement having been made through the agency of—, it is hereby agreed that the management shall deduct and retain 10 per cent. from the said salary, and pay the same to said agency, less commission for this service, the management and agency may agree.

CAMDEN THEATRE.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE WITHOUT A LICENSE.

It was alleged at Clerkenwell Sessions that Mr. Robert Arthur, the well-known theatre proprietor, Mr. Walter Gibbons, and Mr. W. H. Terrell, a manager, who had previously been bound over for having carried on a music-hall performance in the Camden Town Theatre without having the necessary license, had broken their recognisances. — Mr. Horace Avery, who prosecuted, stated when on Sept. 14 the theatre was reopened, without any license, it was opened with a bioscope entertainment with a programme of music. It was pointed out that Mr. Robert Arthur had been in the theatre since the former proceedings, and the charge against him was withdrawn. — An assurance having been given by the other defendants that the music would be stopped at once, Mr. Wallace said he would only fine them 40s. each. He did not think they deliberately intended to violate their obligation. The Sunday performance must cease, as it was a burlesque of what he called it a "sacred performance."

"SOMEBODY MUST DO IT."

An application was made at White-chapel County Court to withdraw a committal order. The debtor urged that there had not been a proper summons. — Evidence was given by a young woman that she served the summons on a Sunday. Judge Bacon: Your Sunday or ours? — Witness: Your Sunday. — Judge Bacon asked the young woman: "Why do you do that work? It isn't woman's work to serve summonses." — Witness: "Somedbody must do it." — Judge Bacon: "Women get into trouble when they make themselves too prominent." — His Honour came to the conclusion that the service of the summons was not good, and gave orders for the withdrawal of the committal order.

STEINWAY HALL.

An interesting recital was given last night at the Steinway Hall by a pretty light soprano voice, and Miss Alys Turner, an elocutionist, possessed great dramatic powers. The latter gave a number of well-chosen recitations from famous authors, her varied and impressive delivery arousing much enthusiasm. Others contributing to the programme were Miss Edouard Garceau and Miss Ethel Bauer.

At a carnival at the Crystal Palace the prize winners included Master Van Aalst, of Upper Norwood, who represented "The People." His costume was an exact copy of a figure in our well-known poster of a barber's shop entitled "Next Gentleman, Please."

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DRAMA AND MUSIC.

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CRITERION.

"THE BURGLAR WHO FAILED." The Burglar Who Failed, presented before Miss Mary Moore's comic law suit tells its story in its title. Though equally judicious in subject, it is less diverting in subject than the burlesque trial. A bibulous footman, dismissed from his service without a character, tries to get his living by burglary, and with a dilapidated watch, a dog bite, a cold in his nose, and a broken-down car, he is utterly fails in his new profession. Caught hiding under her bed by a domestic athlete still in her teens, the quaking criminal is first despoiled of his revolver, and then sorely thrashed by the doughty dame with her club. Bill, touched by his piteous plea for mercy, the re-enters, and on the miserable house-breaker's promise to repent, undertakes to make an honest man of him by rehabilitation in a new place. Such is the matter of Mr. St. John Hankin's piece, claimed by him as a set for his programme to be the best result of his new profession. 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THE BLOOMSBURY MURDER.

FRESH LIGHT ON DEATH OF THE POLISH GIRL.

MYSTERIOUS "SHORT MAN" DESCRIBED.

The mystery of the murder of Esther Prager in a house in Bloomsbury, is still unsolved.

Further evidence as to the habits and life of the victim was related at the resumed inquest.

Several of the witnesses described "the short man," with whom Prager was seen late on the evening before the murder. The result of the post-mortem conclusively proved that the woman was suffocated and not strangled.

LANDLADY'S STORY.

Mrs. Marion Rose was the first witness called at the inquest, and said that she was the landlady of 3, Bernard-st. She herself resided at 18, Marchmont-st., and had a housekeeper, Mrs. Cook, in charge of 3, Bernard-st. She also had a lodger at No. 3, Bernard-st.—a Mrs. Harris. On Wednesday, Oct. 14, Mrs. Harris said that she was leaving, but had a young lady whom she desired to recommend to take her rooms if witness approved. Mrs. Harris brought the young lady—deceased—to her on the following day, and after negotiations witness let the room to her, remarking, "If you are no more trouble than Mrs. Harris I shall not regret having you." Deceased said she would bring the rent on the following day. She then paid a week's rent—15s.—in advance. The room was on the second floor, at the back of the house. Mrs. Harris handed her key to deceased. Witness did not see deceased again. She (Mrs. Rose) was in and out of the house on several occasions during Friday evening, but did not go beyond the ground floor. Her last visit was at 12.45 a.m. on Saturday, but she did not know whether deceased was at that time in the house. She found the house quite silent.—Coroner: On your leaving are you quite sure that you locked the door? Perfectly, sure.—You know that, as far as you are concerned, the door was not left open? Yes; I am quite sure it was shut. Witness added that deceased, who gave the name of "Mrs. Smith," was introduced by Mrs. Harris to the housekeeper.—Did you ask any details as to whether she was going to occupy the room alone? No; I asked her why she left her previous apartments and she said she was not happy.

No Inquiry Made.

—Did she say whether she would be accompanied by her husband? No.—Did you inquire? No; I trusted Mrs. Harris, who recommended her.—When next did you hear anything? I did not hear anything till seven o'clock the same evening, when the housekeeper came and told me that some of my lodgers had heard screams during the night. She asked the lady if that was in the house, and she said, "No, my husband thinks it was the public-house." She said she dismissed the matter from her mind till another gentleman asked what the noise was.—Did you then go to the house? No; I was just changing my dress. I went to Dr. O'Donnell's. I never saw her from the time she paid her rent.—You are quite sure that while you were in the house, till 12.45, no one entered? They did not enter while I was there.—They might have been in the house.—Det.-Insp. Stockley asked whether witness inquired of deceased woman from whom she was recommended, and witness replied, "No, I didn't."—Did you tell Mrs. Harris's recommendation? Had she told me what I have learned since I should not have let her into the house.—Did you ask whether she was following any employment or profession? No, sir, I did not.—How long had Mrs. Harris been at your house? About three months.—And did you know what employment she was following? She was recommended. I thought she was under the protection of a gentleman.

Seen Casually in the Street.—Margaret Harris, who said she was a single woman and a milliner, said she had occupied a second-floor back room at 3, Bernard-st. She had known deceased for a week before having met her casually in the street. She only spoke to her occasionally, and had no knowledge where she was residing. Witness understood that she was living in Devonshire-st., W.C., but did not know that as a fact. It was in the neighbourhood of Russell-sq. and Southampton-row that witness usually saw her—never in any other part of London. Deceased had on one occasion told witness that she had been in the country, but witness did not know where. On Thursday, Oct. 13, witness met deceased in Southampton-row, about eight o'clock, and spoke to her. Deceased asked witness if she could recommend her a room, and witness said she would meet her on the following evening and let her know. After seeing Mrs. Rose witness saw deceased again on Thursday, and brought her to Mrs. Rose. It was agreed that she should take possession of the room on Friday evening. Witness said deceased was to come and take possession at six o'clock on Friday.

Take the Name of Miss Max.—What name did you know deceased by? I didn't know any name.—Can you tell what name she was known by to other people? I have no idea. Witness said that deceased arrived about six o'clock with a boy carrying her box. Witness came into the house a few minutes after deceased to remove her own luggage. Deceased's luggage was brought up and witness took her to Mrs. Rose, afterwards returning to Bernard-st. and handing over the key of the street door to deceased. Witness thought she placed it in her purse.—Did you at any time ask her name? Yes, that night.—What did she say? She said, "I think I will take the name of Miss Max."—Did she give any reason for that? No.—Did she enter into any

details as to who her special friends were? No.—Did you see her again? I next saw her about 11.30, at the corner of Guilford-st., opposite the Hotel Russell.—Was she alone? She was then accompanied by a young man.

Young Man Described.

—Were they walking arm-in-arm or not? Yes.—Had the young man hold of her arm? She held his.—Which arm? She had hold of his right arm.—Did she speak to you? Yes.—Do you remember what she said? She mentioned that she was just going home.—Anything more? No.—Are you quite sure? She said she was going home to sleep for the night.—Did the young man speak to you? No.—How close were they to you? They stopped right in front of me.—And did the young man continue to be beside her? Yes.—Did you notice him particularly? Yes.—What age was he about? 24 to 25.—Tall? No, very short.—Shorter than deceased? Yes.—But she was only about 5ft. high? Yes, but he was shorter.—Was he clean shaven? Yes.—Dark or pale? Pale.—Narrow featured or broad? Broad.—Did you notice anything about his eyes? They were rather staring eyes.—None? I did not notice his nose.—Did you form any opinion of the colour of his hair? No.

How He Was Dressed.

—As regards his dress, what kind of hat? A cap. Witness added that the man had also a dark grey jacket suit, and the coat was buttoned up. He was a broad-shouldered man.—Could you tell me what kind of materials the suit of clothes was? No.—Cap? Yes, the same colour as the coat.—Did you notice anything about the collar? It was rather a low-cut collar.—And how would you describe the clothing? Was it good clothing? No, it was rather shabby.—And did you notice anything special about the walk? A sharp walk.—He did not, I



SKETCHES AT THE RESUMED INQUEST.

think you told me, speak at all to you? No.—Could you judge from his manner, bearing, and general appearance as to his nationality? No.—You could not say whether he was an Englishman or a foreigner? No.—You were standing not very far from where she lived? Yes, a few yards.—Did you see whether she entered 3, Bernard-st.? No, I do not know.—You have no knowledge whether that young man entered the house? No. He was close to the house.—Did you remain in the neighbourhood long? No.—Did you see deceased walking about at all? No, I went to my own lodgings shortly afterwards and did not see her again.—Was she walking towards her home? Yes.—Det.-Insp. Stockley, who received permission from the coroner to put several questions, said: I don't know whether witness stated how long she lived at 3, Bernard-st.—Witness: About four months; it may have been three months.

A Few Friends.

—What rent did you pay? About 41 per week; 15s. I understood was for the bedroom and the rest for lights and attendance. During the time you were there did you follow any occupation? You say you were a milliner? Not at that time.—Were you in the habit of bringing different men into the house? I had a few friends.—Different men daily? Not daily.—Was that known to the persons responsible for the house? I understood it was known.—Did you know how deceased was getting her living? I thought so from seeing her going about.—In further answer to Insp. Stockley, witness said she did not notice deceased carrying anything in her hand.—Sophie Dubin, the wife of the witness Maurice Dubin, said she was occupying a room with her husband at 3, Bernard-st., on Friday, Oct. 16. They returned at 12.45 from a theatre, and when they retired to bed the gas was left burning. They had not been there very long when they heard a scream. Her husband thought it was a noise from the street. Witness thought it was a distant cry. She distinctly heard the word "Police!" once, but took no notice of it.—Coroner: After hearing the screams did you hear any closing of a door? No.—Leslie Wade, a clerk, who wrote his present address on a piece of paper and handed it to the coroner, said that he was living at 3, Bernard-st. from Wednesday, Oct. 14, and occupied a second-floor room. On Friday, Oct. 16, he went to bed between 10 and 10.30 p.m. and went to sleep. He woke up and heard a scream, but all that he could distin-

guish was the word "Oh!" The sound appeared to come from the room in the opposite corner of the same floor. He could not fix the time. He spoke to the housekeeper of it on Saturday afternoon. He had never seen deceased. The rent which he paid was 8s. per week.

"The Little One."

—Rebecca Blanke, who was with deceased on Friday evening, also said that the young man who was with deceased was wearing a grey jacket suit and cap.—Annie Koleski, another acquaintance of deceased, said she saw her about 11.30 in Southampton-row with a man about five feet in height wearing a grey suit and cap. Witness knew deceased as "Die Kleine" (which the interpreter explained meant "The little one").—Annie Angerheid said she saw deceased between 10.30, and 11 with a man whose age witness put at between 20 and 25. He had on a cap and a "bright grey" suit. He was very small, but very stout and broad in the face. They went down Russell-square. Witness would know the man again. Deceased was carrying a white bag with some printing on it. Witness had not seen the man before.—Geo. Lupina, a Vernon-place provision merchant who sold some Gruyere cheese sandwiches to deceased about midnight on Friday, identified the bag and its contents, and said that he saw deceased, a short man dressed in a grey suit, and apparently about 30.—Hurry up. There is someone waiting for me, or else he will go away again.—In answer to Det. Stockley, witness said the time might have been 11.30.

Medical Evidence.

—Dr. O'Donnell said that he desired to add to his statement regarding the appearance of deceased. One of her earrings was found in the bed and the other was found in her ear. On Oct. 19 witness, in conjunction with Prof. Pepper and Dr. Murphy, made a post-mortem examination.—Witness was in complete agreement with the conclusions Mr. Pepper came to with regard to the condition of the organs and the cause of death.—Mr. Pepper then stated the results of the post-mortem examination. There was, he said, an old superficial scar on the right cheek, possibly due to a burn. Numerous lines were seen on the face, radiating downwards from the angles of the mouth, and a long curved abrasion on the cheek, evidently caused by a nail. There were similar marks on the lips and neck, which in his opinion were all caused by nails. There were abrasions on the hands and fingers, more scratches on the arms, and a recent bruise on the forehead. Beneath it was an extravasation of blood. There were five marks on the right breast, and he thought they were undoubtedly caused by the left hand of another person. There were no thumb or finger marks about the neck. There was much congestion of the brain, lungs, and larynx. Deceased was a healthy, muscular young woman. The cause of death was asphyxia from suffocation, and witness considered that the suffocation was caused by something put over the mouth and nose. He did not think she had been strangled because if she was strangled it would have been a case of strangulation, and there would have been marks on the skin of the neck and almost certainly traces of hemorrhage, but there were no such traces. She had not been strangled with the towel, for she would have struggled and clutched at it and left marks on her own neck. He thought the towel was put on after she was suffocated. In his opinion she was killed by a hand or some other body being placed over her mouth and nose, and that it might have been a towel. It was quite clear that she struggled to free herself from the obstruction of the mouth, and that the scratches were caused by deceased. It would take nearly three minutes from the time of the final application of the body with which deceased was suffocated for her to die. It was probable that she would have an opportunity of shouting after the first application, as evidently her struggles were so violent that she was able to remove the foreign body for a time and probably to cry out.—Insp. Stockley stated that the case was completed so far as they could take it at present, but he added that some inquiries were going forward now which ought to be placed before the court before the inquest was closed.—The coroner said that until the inquiries were complete every opportunity should be given to the police, and they should not be fettered by his closing the inquiry, so he would therefore adjourn the inquest again.—Det.-Insp. Stockley, having the permission which arose as to the date of the adjournment, said some of the negotiations had to be made at a distance, and might take a considerable time.—The inquiry was adjourned until Saturday, Nov. 7, at two o'clock.

WELL-KNOWN NEWSAGENT'S DEATH.

Oxford has lost one of its best-known citizens by the death of Mr. Frederick Walters, who for many years had carried on there a successful newsagent's business. From its earliest years Mr. Walters acted as local agent for "The People," and had the satisfaction of witnessing this paper outstrip all its rivals in the town and neighbourhood. Municipal matters Mr. Walters took a keen interest, and he had been nominated as the Ratepayers' candidate for the East Ward. His lamented death will necessitate the postponement of the election, which, in the ordinary course of events, would have taken place to-morrow. The funeral has been fixed for Tuesday.

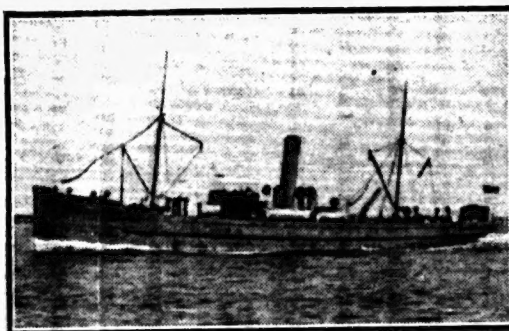
Children's Ball. The children of the St. Mary's Church, who were in charge of the ball, are to be seen in the picture on the opposite page.

DISASTER AT SEA.

FOUNDERING OF A G.E.R. STEAMER.

CAPTAIN AND CREW MISSING.

The G.E. Rly. Co.'s cargo s.s. Yarmouth has been lost at sea on her voyage from Holland to Harwich, and the captain and 21 men are missing. There had been much anxiety for the Yarmouth's fate when she was announced to be overdue, and the worst fears were confirmed, when the following statement was issued from the railway company's Liverpool office:—There is, unfortunately, no longer any doubt that the company's cargo s.s. Yarmouth has foundered at sea. The company's s.s. Vienna, which was sent out to search for her, found some lifebuoys and gratings belonging to the Yarmouth, and H.M.S. Blake reported from Sheerness that she picked up the body of a man in a lifebuoy on



THE GREAT EASTERN STEAMER YARMOUTH. (Illustration Bureau.)

which was painted 'Yarmouth, Harwich,' and a furniture van. She was commanded by Capt. Avis, who has been in the company's service 22 years. Her crew consisted of 21 men. The total tonnage of her cargo was 663 tons, of which 192 tons consisted of meat, and there were three lift-furniture vans on board, weighing about three tons each. These were loaded on the main-deck, where they are usually carried.

Names of Officers and Crew. The furniture of which mention has been made belonged to Sir Henry Howard, late British Minister at The Hague. The following is a list of the officers and crew of the Yarmouth:—Captain, Arthur Avis; chief officer, C. Pamplin; second officer, J. Miller; able seamen, J. Hubbard, F. Moore, G. Wright, A. Brett, J. Snaker, E. Durrant, A. Bille, and G. Fox (deck boy); cook, T. Adkins; chief engineer, J. Jarrold; second engineer, E. Chikew; donkeymen, J. Lord; firemen, Wagner and Ellis; and stoker, McLaughlin, and a man unknown. There was also on board the brother of Mr. Chivers, a grocer's assistant. The majority of the crew are married, and in several cases, have large families. The brothers Chivers were the sons of Capt. Chivers, commodore of the company's fleet.

Inquest on a Victim. At Sheerness, yesterday, Mr. W. Harris held an inquest on Gilbert Frank Wright, an able seaman belonging to the Yarmouth.—Lieut. A. Masters, of H.M.S. Blake, stated that at 10.15 on Wednesday morning, when his vessel was in the North Sea, he sighted a furniture van floating in the water, and almost immediately afterwards the body of a man, with a lifebuoy around him, was seen. The Blake's course was altered, and on coming up to the spot it was found that the lifebuoy was marked 'Yarmouth, Harwich.' The body was taken on board the warship, but life was extinct. The furniture van was also taken on board.

SEA STRAWN WITH WRECKAGE. Half a mile from where deceased was picked up, the sea was strewn with crates and other wreckage. The direction of the wind on the previous night, said witness, was about five to eight points from the south-east.—Staff-



SOME MEMBERS OF THE YARMOUTH'S CREW. (Illustration Bureau.)

surgeon McMahon said deceased had probably been dead 10 hours when the body was picked up. The cause of death was exhaustion and drowning.—Hy. Edw. Farthing, chief clerk in the Marine Superintendent's office at the Parkersburg, said that when the Yarmouth was lost at Harwich the company's s.s. Vienna went in search of her. When, 30 hours later, the Vienna returned, she reported having found wreckage, but no bodies. The captain of the Gabbard Lightship had stated that he saw hard lightship had passed, and then, apparently, turn to the eastward.—Mr. Chew, solicitor to the G.E. Rly. Co., said that the company had given up hope of finding any survivors of the disaster.—Verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

The Russian squadron in Plymouth Sound left yesterday for Vigo.

MET IN THE STREET.

LURING A YOUNG GIRL AWAY.

"This practice on the part of men of luring young girls to their ruin is a most reprehensible one, and, having regard to your past record, it is clear to me that you are a very dangerous man," were the remarks addressed by Judge Keutoul at the Central Criminal Court, to James Padley, alias Carter, 34, labourer, who stood in the dock convicted of a criminal assault upon Minnie Salmon, aged 15. By the wife of the man appeared Lottie Freeman, 33, a stoutly built, good-looking woman, described as of occupation, who was charged with that, being the occupier of certain premises, she did knowingly suffer Minnie Salmon to be upon them for an unlawful purpose.—Mr. Clarke, the solicitor for the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, said the facts were rather peculiar. Minnie Salmon was a re-



THE KING'S MEDAL. (Illustration Bureau.)

spectable young girl residing with her mother, a widow, at The Grove, More-st., Hackney, and at the time she made the acquaintance of the male prisoner was following regular employment. According to her story some three months ago she met Padley in the street, and afterwards kept several appointments with him. He took her for

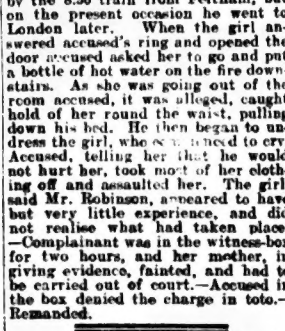
A Drive to Epping Forest. and they visited from time to time places of amusement. The female prisoner occupied a flat at Monte Christo Mansions, West Kensington, and the allegations were that Padley on more than one occasion took the girl there. The mother had no knowledge of what was going on until one night the daughter did not return home, and she, being alarmed, went to the police station and reported her missing. The girl said that that night Padley persuaded her to remain with him at the flat, that he bought her a coat and a hat, and took her to the White City. When the girl at length returned home the mother took her to the police station, and, after she had been examined by a doctor, and the police had taken a statement from the girl, warrants were granted for the arrest of the man and the woman.

The Girl's Story.—Minnie Salmon, a well-developed, intelligent girl, said the male prisoner on one occasion, when she made reference to her mother, remarked, "If she says anything, don't let her 'pump' you—'pump' her up a lot of lies." She said the male prisoner was 35, and he replied "You are a fine girl for your age."—Mrs. Salmon said one day seeing the male prisoner loitering near her house, she spoke to him, saying, "I hear you have been talking to my girl, to which he answered, 'I don't know your daughter.' She then said, "If I thought so—a child of 14 and a man of 40—I would kill you."—P.S. Lewis said when he arrested the woman and charged her with having allowed the girl to be on her premises, she replied, "I know she was here one Sunday night at a party. I had a drop of drink and went to bed and do not know what happened afterwards." Padley has

MASTER AND MAID.

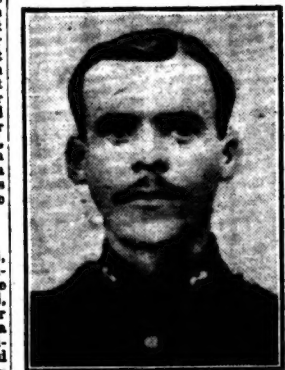
GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST L.C.O. OFFICIAL.

A serious charge was preferred against Edwin Thos. Swinson, 35, an L.C.O. Inspector under the Public Health Act, and a member of the Feltham District Council, residing at Feltham-rd., Feltham, who, at the Spelthorne Sessions, surrendered to his bail to answer a charge of feloniously and violently assaulting Ada Bushell, aged 16, on Oct. 14. Accused, who is bearded, wore gold-rimmed spectacles, and was defended by Mr. C. F. Gill, K.C.—Mr. Robinson (prosecuting) in opening, said the girl was 16 years of age, and for the past 51 months had been in the service of accused and his wife as a general servant. On the morning in question the girl's master rang his bedroom bell for some hot water, his wife at the time having gone to see a relative of hers who was ill. Accused was in the habit of going up to town by the 8.30 train from Feltham, but on the present occasion he went to London later. When the girl answered accused's ring and opened the door accused asked her to go and put a bottle of hot water on the fire downstairs. As she was going out of the room accused, it was alleged, caught hold of her round the waist, pulling down his body. He then began to undress the girl, who, it is alleged, to cry. Accused, telling her that he would not hurt her, took most of her clothing off and assaulted her. The girl, said Mr. Robinson, appeared to have but very little experience, and did not realise what had taken place. Complainant was in the witness-box for two hours, and her mother, in giving evidence, faintly, and had to be carried out of court.—Accused in the box denied the charge in toto.—Remanded.



THE KING'S MEDAL. (Illustration Bureau.)

BROTHER'S BRAVE DEED. POTTERIES MAN TO RECEIVE THE KING'S MEDAL. The King has awarded the Albert Medal of the second class to Mr. Alfred Hunt, of Longport, Staffordshire Potteries, for great heroism in attempting to rescue his brother from a well of boiling water. The men were engaged at midnight in August last emptying a well beneath the boiler at a local potting factory. Alfred Hunt's brother fell in, and went under water. "I jumped in after him," said Alfred, "and the boiling water went over my head. I caught hold of a rail, and got out and pulled my brother after me."—A policeman on night duty heard screams, and going to the factory found the two men groaning and



ALFRED HUNT. (Photo by J. White.)

writing in agony on the ground. The brother died in a few hours in hospital, but Alfred Hunt himself eventually recovered from his frightful scalding. Mr. J. C. Woodward, M.P., brought the brave deed to the notice of the Home Secretary. The presentation of the medal will probably be made by the King some time in December.

TEACHER'S APPEAL.

CONVICTION FOR SERIOUS CHARGE QUASHED. Edgar Arthur Ross, headmaster of the Central School, Ince-in-the-Moore, who was recently convicted by the city justices and fined £20 for alleged improper offences in the presence of a class of children on Sept. 21, appealed against the verdict of the magistrates, and was successful, the city recorder directing that the conviction should be quashed.—A number of children were called to support the allegation that the prosecution made regarding appellant's conduct in the presence of the class he was examining in poetry on Sept. 21, and most of the witnesses said they had seen similar things happen before.

APPELLANT'S DENIALS.—For the defence appellant was called, and gave the allegations an emphatic denial. He also denied having given the order to the children, "All girls look at me, and all boys look at their books." He asserted that the allegations were the outcome of friction he had had with several of the parents.—Continued. This whole class of children lying when they say what they have said.—Appellant: All I can say is I cannot account for it. Children have very vivid imaginations.—It is not a few children, but the whole body of them. The children have all been talking about it.—Evidence by the assistant teachers of the school, as also a number of scholars having been given refuting the charge, Mr. Clavell Salter summed up appellant's case in an eloquent address. He did not allege that the children had manufactured the story, but an unfortunate accidental circumstance regarding the condition of the appellant's clothing had been guessed about, and the whole of the allegations were the outcome of a dirty and diseased imagination.

THE POPULAR PAPER.

Mr. Thomas Plackett, writer from Spokane, Washington, to his father, who resides in Canby, Ore., says:—I must tell you that your copy of "The People" certainly does yeoman service. After we have read it through it goes through two or three more families in Spokane and then is sent on to San Francisco. Not bad for one paper, eh?

ADVICE TO RHEUMATICS.

Noted Physician Tells how to Prevent and Cure Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

If you would avoid rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles, be moderate in the consumption of heavy rich foods, substitute as far as possible soups, broths, fresh milk, and liquid water—lots of water. Take plenty of time to eat, and don't eat after you have had enough, even if it does taste good. If your work is confining, take a moderate amount of exercise each day in the open air. Of course, neither diet, rest, water, nor exercise will cure these afflictions. We advise them as preventives only. For the benefit of readers of this article, who are now afflicted with rheumatism, kidney, bladder or urinary troubles, and desire to be cured quickly, we give below a complete prescription which has made a great authority on the subject so successful in the treatment of these diseases. It is the most certain cure which has been used. It is pleasant to take, it is not expensive, it can be supplied by any chemist, and we believe it to be the greatest prescription for rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles ever written. It is also a valuable tonic and blood purifier. If you are a sufferer, take this prescription to any chemist and have it prepared; or, you can obtain the ingredients separately, and mix them all at home.

Tincture Gentian Compound, one ounce; **Syrup Rhubarb,** one ounce; **Liquid Bark Compound,** one ounce; **Syrup of Ginger,** five ounces. The dose for adults is one teaspoonful taken after meals, and one at bedtime. Children should be given one-fourth to one-half teaspoonful, after meals only.

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SCENE IN THE HOUSE

SUFFRAGISTS CHAINED
TO THE CRILLE.
SHOUTS FROM THE
GALLERY.

A disgraceful and unprecedented scene was witnessed in the House of Commons on Wednesday evening. While discussion on the Licensing Bill was in progress a wild shout was heard in the Ladies' Gallery, and a poster was thrust through the brass grating in front-known as the grille-bearing the words "Votes for Women." The few members then in the House looked up to the gallery in amazement, as saw a steel chain suddenly put round the railing of one section of the grille. In a flash another chain was noisily fastened around another section. There was a flutter of millinery behind the grille, and the trouble began. Miss Muriel Matters, a short young woman, neatly attired in black, with a picture hat, shouted in shrill tones, which started the House. "Members of the Liberal Government! Instantly the speech was broken by a rush of scared attendants. In disjointed phrases, however, the young woman continued her speech. "We have listened behind this grille long enough. Leave off discussing the Licensing Bill, and attend to domestic questions! We call upon the Government, to give votes to women!"

A Rattle of Chains. By this time attendants were desperately struggling to get Miss Matters away from the bars, and it was seen that they had no easy task. Down on the floor of the House Mr. Bennett was raising his voice, and shouting the speech that came through the grille. For a moment it was a deaf sound between M.P. and Suffragist. Members looked up, dumbfounded. "For 40 years we have sat behind this grille," cried Miss Matters, amid the rattle of chains and the exhortations of attendants and the hurrying police. "No, you don't!" cried Miss Matters, hysterically, as a hand was laid on her shoulder to remove her. Further along the grille Miss Helen Fox, the second Suffragist, was still shouting her proclamation demanding "a vote through the grille." "You can't get me away!" came the defiant cry. Then, continuing her speech while chained to the grille, Miss Matters shouted in a voice that was heard in the name of justice that the women of England shall be heard!" Miss Fox, secure with her chain, contributed snatches of speech to the general din. Then for some moments came the sound of a disordered chorus of defiance. Members and people in the Strangers' Gallery were standing up in their seats to get a better view.

Another Disturbance. Then came another diversion. A young man in the Strangers' Gallery, sitting opposite to the House, commenced to shout: "Votes for Women." "Why don't you do justice to the unemployed?" At the same time, with a dramatic gesture, he threw a sheet of pamphlets down on to the floor of the House and the heads of the members. But, also he had no chains, and a number of the attendants made short work of him. He was at once seized, and was carried out bodily, struggling fiercely and still shouting in a half-muffled voice. Meanwhile attendants, who had found that it was impossible to remove the chains, hurried off for implements to remove portions of the grille bolts, and after a few moments of excited scurrying and the unswerving of bolts Miss Matters and Miss Fox were led away, each with a big section of the grille, several feet in length, chained to her. Miss Matters, the Assistant Secretary, and a body of police and attendants hurried the two women along the corridor. A body of excited and interested members brought up the rear—probably the strongest procession that the House of Commons has ever seen. The attendants carried the chained sections of the grille to prevent their weight dragging on the women's arms, and looked as dignified as the circumstances would let them. They took the Suffragists to the historic Committee Room 15, switched on the electric lights, and sent men off for files, as they were unable to unfasten the padlocks at leisure. The chains were led through, and the women were taken down the Ladies' Gallery lift and turned into the street.

Galleries Closed to the Public. As a result of these disturbances the Strangers' and Ladies' Galleries in the Commons have been closed to the public, and precautions have been taken to prevent any disturbance in the House of Lords. It is highly probable that before the present session of Parliament draws to a close the Government will initiate legislation with the view of preventing a recurrence of the scenes. The Law Officers are drafting a bill, which in due time will be submitted to the Cabinet. The idea is to make a disturbance within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster punishable by fine or imprisonment, and of preventing the use of the privilege of Parliament. Meanwhile, it is extremely probable that the rules regulating the admission of strangers will undergo strict revision.

VILLAGE SCANDAL

RECTOR AND HIS MAID-SERVANT.
SERIOUS ACCUSATION.

A sensational case was heard at Gainsborough, when Mary Wright, of Blyborough, applied for an order to be made against the Rev. Jno. Swailwell, rector of Snitterby, to show cause why he should not contribute towards the maintenance of her illegitimate child, of which she alleged he was the father. Mr. Tweed appeared for the girl, and Mr. Williams, senior, defended. Complainant, a good-looking, well-dressed girl, stated she was not yet 17 years of age. On Aug. 23 she gave birth to a daughter, and Mr. Swailwell was the father. On July 5 she went to Snitterby Rectory as domestic servant, and on Oct. 16, 1907, Mr. Swailwell first said improper things to her. Mrs. Swailwell was ill at the time. Mr. Swailwell came into the kitchen, put his arms round her, kissed her, and told her he loved her. The next day he did the same thing. The first time that misconduct took place was on Oct. 19, Mrs. Swailwell then being ill in bed. Misconduct continued up to February. In December witness discovered her condition. She told Mr. Swailwell, and he said he was very sorry, and would send for some medicine for her and would try to put her right if he could. Mr. Swailwell said he would send to Sheffield for the medicine and he went to Sheffield in January.

Would Marry Her. He said he was going to get the medicine from a person named, and he showed her the address on a card, but they would not send the medicine, so he went for it. The box of pills produced was the box he brought. Mr. Swailwell afterwards got her gin from the village inn, and told her to take it, and he also procured her two

progeny, and if she forgave him he would return home forgiven. She had never miscondacted herself with others. Complainant Cross-Examined. Complainant was cross-examined at great length. In answer to questions, she stated that a girl named Doris Beacock had seen Mr. Swailwell place his arms round her neck and kiss her. Mr. Williams: Why is she not here today? Complainant: Because her father is one of Mr. Swailwell's witnesses. With the exception of this girl, is there any other person who has seen Mr. Swailwell taking liberties with you? No. Then it is strange who is not here. You know that Mr. Swailwell is chaplain at the Royal Hospital, and often has to go to Sheffield? He does not go often. He has only been three times that I know of. Can you tell the date, and was he very, very drunk when I am thinking of your great love. It pains me to remember all we hoped to attain together hand in hand. Who shall take care of you when I am dead? Who will love you as much as I? Who will give you advice in all your doings? Sweet, sweet, you were the only one in this miserable world I loved, but Fate would not realize my dream. I am going to leave you behind. You will have to take care of yourself. Remember me, and come there sometimes when everything will be quiet, and my heart, too. My only friend then will be that little flower you gave me once. I put it on my heart, and shall think as if your hand were there, as happy as you can be in this world, and excuse me if I have caused in your heart any pain or sorrow. I shall never hear any more. I shall die with your sweet name and God's on my lips. Your unfortunate WILLIAM.

An Incurable Disease. A letter to Prof. Kropp, a Hungarian Government representative, also read at the inquest, stated: Dear Professor.—The cause of my death is my hopeless love—an incurable disease. Please carefully let all my people know.

It was stated that when requested to prepare his accounts deceased disappeared.

As These About to Die. In a second he wrote: I begin like all those who are going to die. It was my own self that prepared this sad story. I am not so bad as you believe me to be.

After his death a guarantee was received from his guardians in Buda Pesth offering to make good his losses, and in his possession was found a letter from the same lady reproaching him for his cowardly suggestion to end it all with a revolver. A friend stated that deceased was fretting, being afraid he would have to leave England.—Verdict, suicide while insane.

Train Collision. ONE MAN KILLED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

A passenger train and a goods train were in collision on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Rly. at Bolton, near Manchester, yesterday. The driver of the passenger train, Wm. Anderson, was killed. The driver, David Ashton, was severely injured, while the guard of the passenger train, named Tomlin, had his left shoulder severely crushed. The passenger train was standing at a platform when the goods train crashed into it. The van in which the guard Tomlin was from death was smashed, and several passengers were injured. Several wagons of the goods train were shattered.

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Before taking cyanide of potassium in his bed-room Wm. Higgins, 24, an inspector of the Agricultural Department at the Earl's Court Hungarian Exhibition, addressed the following passionate, pathetic letter to Miss J. Temple, an artist's model, which was read at the inquest:—

"My Queen, My Everything." "Everything, I have arrived at the end of my bitter life. Looking back there is only one thing that was full of happiness and that was your love. At the door of death I think of you with sweet thoughts in my heart. Everything I remember quite clearly, and am so very, very thankful when I am thinking of your great love. It pains me to remember all we hoped to attain together hand in hand. Who shall take care of you when I am dead? Who will love you as much as I? Who will give you advice in all your doings? Sweet, sweet, you were the only one in this miserable world I loved, but Fate would not realize my dream. I am going to leave you behind. You will have to take care of yourself. Remember me, and come there sometimes when everything will be quiet, and my heart, too. My only friend then will be that little flower you gave me once. I put it on my heart, and shall think as if your hand were there, as happy as you can be in this world, and excuse me if I have caused in your heart any pain or sorrow. I shall never hear any more. I shall die with your sweet name and God's on my lips. Your unfortunate WILLIAM.

A letter to Prof. Kropp, a Hungarian Government representative, also read at the inquest, stated: Dear Professor.—The cause of my death is my hopeless love—an incurable disease. Please carefully let all my people know.

It was stated that when requested to prepare his accounts deceased disappeared.

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After his death a guarantee was received from his guardians in Buda Pesth offering to make good his losses, and in his possession was found a letter from the same lady reproaching him for his cowardly suggestion to end it all with a revolver. A friend stated that deceased was fretting, being afraid he would have to leave England.—Verdict, suicide while insane.

Train Collision. ONE MAN KILLED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

A passenger train and a goods train were in collision on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Rly. at Bolton, near Manchester, yesterday. The driver of the passenger train, Wm. Anderson, was killed. The driver, David Ashton, was severely injured, while the guard of the passenger train, named Tomlin, had his left shoulder severely crushed. The passenger train was standing at a platform when the goods train crashed into it. The van in which the guard Tomlin was from death was smashed, and several passengers were injured. Several wagons of the goods train were shattered.

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FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

AUSTRALIANS 20, DURHAM 7.

About 5,000 spectators visited the Harlepool ground on the occasion of the meeting of the Australians with Durham under Rugby Union rules. Brilliantly fine weather prevailed, but the ground was still soft from rain overnight. Durham started, and had quite as much of the opening play as the Australians, the forwards doing wonderfully well in the loose. The colonial backs gave a good account of themselves, but the final pass to McKinnon went amiss, and Silverlight opened finely for Neilson, Taylor, and Chapman to pass and run brilliantly to the other end. Dix made an unsuccessful attempt to place a goal, and later, three forward a long kick by Taylor, straggling occurred in mid-field. Taylor kicking finely under pressure. Durham then scored strongly. Taylor being in wonderful form and kicking brilliantly, while the side were quite as good forward. As for the Australians, they were unable to get their backs going. Taylor attempted to drop a goal for Durham, but failed badly. Some clever passing by the Australian three-quarters resulted in Dix running behind the posts and converting. The visitors got a lead of 5 points. Durham then had a short spell of attacking, but Russell ran over for the Australians. Later from a scrum, Carmichael kicked a splendid goal. From a penalty Taylor sent the ball inches wide.

The county then had more of the play for a time, but the visitors' attack was further aided with a try, the place kick being charged down, and no goal allowed. At half-time the Australians led by 2 goals and 1 try (13 points) to the second half. Dix and Craig scored for the Australians, and Ellwood dropped a goal and Chapman scored an unconverted try for Durham. Towards the end the Australians had practically all the play, their better condition, speed, and backing up making them quite the masters of the situation. Russell scored two more tries, and Carmichael converted one. McCabe was injured towards the finish, but soon recovered. Result: Australians, 4 goals 3 tries (29 points); Durham, 1 dropped goal 1 try (7 points).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP. NORTHUMBERLAND v. CHESHIRE.

Fine weather favoured the meeting of these counties at Whitley Bay, but only the game. Owing to illness Mason, the Northumberland full back, could not assist his side, and the visitors, who were the favourites, were handicapped at once attacked, and in five minutes Mather got over. Maddison falling with the kick, Dods then added a second try for the home side, and Maddison converted. After this Cheshire did rather more of the pressing, and Kendall crossed the Northumberland line, Davidson just failing to improve. A little later Kendall crossed again, Barrett being unsuccessful with the kick. At the interval Northumberland led by a goal and a try (6 points) to two tries (6 points).

Police met the game, and Northumberland pressed, and in quick succession tries were added by Mather, Simpson, and Hogg, Maddison converting one. Northumberland continued to hold the upper hand until just before the finish, when Kendall got over for Cheshire, and Barrett kicked a splendid goal. Northumberland thus won by 2 goals and 3 tries (19 points) to 1 goal and 2 tries (11 points).

CLUB MATCHES. RICHMOND 30, OLD LEYSIAN 9.

A very hard fought game, the one of their best men playing for Cambridge University against the Harlequins, the Old Leysians received a severe defeat at the hands of Richmond at regular intervals. It was a "picnic" for Richmond, who, from the start showed a strong superiority in every department. The forwards of Richmond were the mainstay, and consequently their back division had plenty of opportunities of showing what they were worth. At the interval, they led by 20 points to 0. Richmond's attack was the most effective of the game, the backs being from the easiest of positions, should have been converted. Within 10 minutes of the start, when the opening of the first try, it was seen that Richmond had an easy task before them, though at the same time they missed several very easy openings. The forwards, however, occurred chiefly in the second half, when they were already well advanced to a great extent accounted for this. 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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.**PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.**

In London 1,363 births and 1,212 deaths were registered last week. The births were 383 and the deaths 143 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The annual death-rate from all causes, which had been 12.2, 12.3, and 11.9 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, rose last week to 13.2.

Different forms of violence caused 50 deaths. Of these 8 were cases of suicide, and 2 of homicide, while the remaining 40 deaths were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,381 births and 1,671 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 579 and 223 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 76 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 13.8 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,234,352 persons in the middle of this year.

Vice-Admiral Cortland Simpson, who joined the Navy in 1842 and retired in 1893, has died at Stoke-by-Nayland.

Thos. Pickenden, proprietor of the Alexandra Saw Mills, whose liabilities amounted to £2,000 and assets to only £254 was found guilty at Grimsby of offences under the Bankruptcy Act, and sentenced to six months in the second division.

The Parliamentary committee of the Trade Union Congress has appointed Mr. Ben Cooper as successor to Mr. D. C. Cummings, secretary of the "Boatmen's" Society, who has been appointed one of the Labour correspondents of the Board of Trade.

BOOTH DOCKYARD.
The original estimate of £100,000 for the Booth Dockyard breakwater scheme is likely to be exceeded by about £73,000, owing to engineering difficulties.

A PARTICULAR PAUPER.
A pauper named Bernard Martin, who, because the authorities refused to cross his trousers, declined another pair on the ground that they were "buggy," has been remanded at Chester-le-Street on a charge of disorderly conduct.

A NEW GAS.
It was stated at a South-west inquiry on a man who was suffocated by gas in a manhole that the gas was one with which medical men were not acquainted, a new gas that was probably generated by the electric mains. The inquiry was adjourned for a chemical examination.

The Admiralty is contemplating the provision of temporary docking accommodation for submarines on the North-East Coast.

Mr. Hall Caine has won the "wooden spoon" of the Manz House of Keys by attending only 22 times during the past five years.

When Chas. Ferrant, a Frenchman, was remanded at Dover, charged with wandering at large while of unsound mind, it was stated that he was found to have £1,000 in notes in his pockets. At Northrop Hall, Flintshire, the public elementary school and the schoolhouse adjoining were completely destroyed by fire. The outbreak is stated to have originated from the heating apparatus.

The White Star liner Arabia is on her way to New York carrying a consignment of 2,000 Norwich canaries, special accommodation having been provided for them in a warm portion of the vessel.

For some time pilfering has been going on in the War Office by some person or persons unknown, and the authorities have brought into operation a system of pances and challenges by which it is hoped the depredations will be stopped.

Mahometan races in many parts of the world were represented at the Holborn Restaurant, when the customary prayer was said in celebration of the feast of Ramadan. The Turkish Ambassador attended with his secretary and suite.

PROPOSED SOUTH AFRICAN SAINT.
Mr. Wilmut, a member of the Legislative Council of the Cape of Good Hope, who has just been received by the Pope, urged that the Holy See should proceed to the canonisation of Father Goncalves Silveira, a Portuguese, who died a martyr in Rhodesia in the year 1534.

"WAKING" THE MOTOR-OMNIBUS.
Inhabitants and shopkeepers of the Rue de Douai, the street leading from the centre of Paris to Montmartre, illuminated the thoroughfare and gave an open-air ball to all comers in celebration of the fact that motor-omnibuses have ceased to run through the street.

LONDON'S COLDEST BATHS.
According to the report of a committee of the Fulham Council, the coldest swimming baths in London are those at Brompton, and the warmest those at Prince of Wales-rd. The report was made in consequence of complaints regarding the low temperature of the Fulham baths, and it was pointed out that to raise the temperature would cost £40 per degree.

Countess Szechenyi (nee Vanderbilt) has given birth to a daughter at her husband's seat in Hungary.

More than a million persons, in addition to 9,000 vehicles, used the floating bridge ferry at Cowes during the past half-year.

Councillors Battridge and Dinning and Alderman Lillico have been elected on the Commission of the Peace for the borough of Croydon.

Eight women butchers in business in different parts of London have obtained licences from the L.C.C. Health Committee to kill sheep and cattle in private slaughter-houses.

Sir Ian Hamilton unveiled in St. Ann's-sq., Manchester, a sculptured design of two soldiers engaged in a hand-to-hand fight as a memorial to the local men who fell in the South African war.

At Watford Jno. Groves Court, formerly chief cashier to Dr. Tibbles Vi-Cocoa Co., was committed for trial charged with the falsification of accounts. The falsifications were said to total £23,500.

The clerk of the L.C.C. has written to the Corporation of London as to the possibility of some equitable arrangement being arrived at for the holding of the Courts of Quarter Sessions for the County of London at the new Central Criminal Court.

Mr. T. W. Russell, vice-president of the Irish Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, has appointed a commission of three to visit Germany to advocate Ireland as a place for the new patent law.

At the West End, Chobham, playing match three generations of one family of farmers took part in the competitions. Fred, a veteran of 67 years, and his son Frederick, aged 46, guided ploughs in the championship class, and two grandsons, aged 17 and 15, competed in the boys' class.

LADIES' UNIQUE DISTINGUISHMENT.
Although there are 200 packs of foxhounds in the United Kingdom, the only woman "master" is Mrs. T. H. Rice Hughes, of Lampeter. She not only owns the Neusdaff park but hunts the hounds herself.

SCHOLARS AS SCOUTS.
Ipswich Education Committee has granted permission to the master of one of its schools to use a class-room for training boys of the school as scouts. The committee believes the good influence of training in scouting will be reflected in the school work of the boys.

"A FEARFUL SATIRE."
Describing as "a fearful satire on parental authority" the Bill to make cigarette smoking under the age of 16 an offence, the Rev. G. D. Nicholas, vicar of Clewer St. Stephen, Windsor, writing in his parish magazine, asks: "Is the man worthy of the sacred name of father who cannot say to his son, 'You shall not smoke till you are 16'?"

While shooting at Much Marcle, near Ledbury, Maj. Audley Money-Kyrle, D.L., fell dead.

Sir Samuel Black, who has been town clerk of Belfast for the past 20 years, intends retiring on March 31 next.

The P. and O. Co.'s new liner Salsetta has arrived at Bombay, having completed the journey from Marseilles in the record time of 11 days 21 hours.

The Admiralty have allotted to Sheerness Dockyard £2,500 for additional wages, to employ men during the winter months in accelerating the work on the destroyers refitting there.

Many complaints of purse-snatching are received daily by the police at Sunderland, where distress owing to unemployment is great, and a thief stole £25 from a woman named Rogers, nearly tearing off her thumb in the process.

The death has occurred of Sir W. Avery, of Oakley Court, Windsor. Sir William, who had been ill for a long time, was for 10 years senior partner in W. and T. Avery, weighing-machine makers and engineers, Birmingham.

Addressing the Eugenics Education Society, Dr. C. W. Saleeby said municipalities should not offer posts to persons having every virtue under heaven, and then add the condition that such persons must not be married.

Despite its recent bombardment and pillage, the Moorish port of Casa Blanca has now a greater commercial European population than ever before. British trade with the town in 1907, says a consular report, was £1,033,457, an increase of over £115,000 on that of 1906.

COUNSELLORS AND UNEMPLOYED.
Before Bradford Town Council adjourned for tea the unemployed in the gallery asked to be supplied with refreshment and later Mr. C. A. Glyde, a Socialist member, having ascertained how many of the men had neither breakfast nor tea, collected 2s. for the men from the councillors.

INSEPARABLE TWINS.
Twin brothers have been arrested and imprisoned in Paris for the fortieth time for vagabondage. The two men are 33 years of age, and they have never left one another since their earliest years. Neither of them has ever done more than two days' work at a time, and they have always taken care to be arrested simultaneously for the same offence.

BLOODHOUNDS TO AID POLICE.
Kent has followed the example of Hertfordshire by agreeing to the use of bloodhounds in tracking criminals. The Standing Joint Committee of the county council have decided that "in future, when crimes of a serious nature are committed in the county, arrangements will be made with Maj. Richardson for the use of his bloodhounds for the purpose of tracking criminals."

The library of the late Mr. A. J. C. Hare, the writer, realised nearly £1,000.

A water-melon four feet high and weighing 19 lbs., has been grown by a farmer named Young at North Yakima, Washington.

Some 30,000 sheep were on sale at Kirkby Stephen, at Westmoreland's great sheep sale, which was established in 1329 by Robert Lord Clifford.

Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson, Governor of Cape Colony, who has been ill with pneumonia, is now out of danger.

A fine of one penny and costs was imposed on Edmund Temple, an accountant, of Chester-rd., East Ham, at East Ham Police Court, for refusing to pay his tramway-car fare.

Mezra Wilbur and Orville Wright have been elected members of the Aero Club of the United Kingdom, and have been awarded the club's gold medal for 1908.

Mr. Orville Wright's fractured leg has set perfectly, and he is fast recovering from the effects of his recent fall with his aeroplane. His left leg, however, will be a quarter of an inch shorter than his right.

A body washed ashore on the Wicklow coast has been identified as that of Capt. Belton, of the City of Dundee, who heroically lost his life in the collision with the steamer Matina.

At an inquest held at Harold Wood on Chas. A. Price, 51, painter, of Brentwood, whose body was found on the railway, the jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide while in an irresponsible state owing to excessive alcoholism.

A tragic interruption to swimming sports at Camp Hill Grammar School formed the subject of an inquest at Birmingham. Eginald J. Trobridge, 15, of Olton, was competing in the first race at Moseley-rd. Baths when he fainted, and died from heart failure.

LIFE LOST FOR A CAT.
Wm. Burgess, a steward on the steamer Badagry, was killed at a fatal fall while searching for a cat that had been shut up in the hold of the vessel.

MANX UPPER CHAMBER.
Writs for a general election in the Isle of Man have been issued by Lord Raglan, the Governor of the island. The election will turn chiefly on the question of reforming the Legislative Council, which is the Manx Second Chamber, and is composed of officials.

A woman proudly informed the Adon magistrate that she was the mother of 19 children.

It is announced by the War Office that the question of supplying ammunition to rifle clubs at reduced rates is under consideration.

M. Gregoire, the centenary godfather of M. Fallieres, the French President, has just died at Port Sainte Marie, near Agen.

The King has approved of the disbandment of the Army Medical Reserve of officers as constituted by the warrant of 1888.

Of the persons committed to incurable homes since the Inebriates Act came into force London has sent 1,438 cases, or more than half of the total, Lancashire 418, and Yorkshire 179.

Two trunk notes, two gold scarf pins, a silver cigarette case, and other articles belonging to the Earl of Enniskillen have been stolen from a Carlisle hotel.

Maj. Dreyfus has taken legal action against five Paris newspapers, who, after libelling him, have refused to print his replies. The action will be heard on Jan. 27.

Cape won at Bialy this year by the House of Commons rifle team in their match with the Lords have been handed over to the custody of the Speaker.

"Break down your prejudices and social barriers," said Bishop J. W. Hamilton in addressing a meeting of Methodist ministers at Boston, U.S.A. "Get down to shift sleeves and make a pair of them the Church's coat of arms."

It was decided at a meeting of the Guildford Rural District Council to dispense with a rate for the ensuing half-year. This position is due to the fact that the county council have taken over the maintenance of the main roads in the district.

A HUGE DREDGER.
Said to be the largest dredger in the world, the Leviathan, which has been built for the Liverpool Dock Board, and is able to pump 10,000 tons of sand in 50 minutes, has been successfully launched at Birkenhead.

DAGGER WITH A HISTORY.
A dagger originally the property of Henry Stuart, Lord Berners, presented to him by Mary Queen of Scots in the year they were married, which is claimed to be the identical dagger with which Rizzio was killed, is one of many interesting items to be sold at Messrs. Sotheby's rooms next week.

A yak has been born at the Crystal Palace Zoo.

Within three years Colin Watson, of Dover, an apprentice, has been shipwrecked three times.

Owners of existing British patents who are foreigners are officially estimated at about 30,000.

The L. and N.W. Ry. Co. announce an express half-day excursion leaving Euston on Saturday next for Birmingham.

A skeleton, which is believed to be that of Cardinal Lemoine, who died in 1815, has been found during the building of a school in Paris.

Machinery which makes a pair of boots in an hour will be seen in motion at the Shoe and Leather Fair, which opens to-morrow at the Agricultural Hall, Islington.

At Scarborough during the past summer the corporation received for rent of spaces and stalls on the sands £247—£71 more than last season. The money goes to relieve the rates.

Various sums, ranging from £54 to £8, have been paid by the Admiralty as compensation to herring fishermen whose nets were damaged off the Faroe Islands during the recent naval manoeuvres.

"Are you finishing your breakfast?" Judge Self asked a plaintiff at Brompton County Court who was eating something with evident relish. "Yes, your honour," replied the judge.

The charges brought at Blackpool against "the Rev." Geo. Diver, superintendent of what was alleged to be a bogus charity known as the Scottish Protestant Association and Bible Christian Union, his son Walter Diver, secretary of the association; Edw. Chas. Somerville, agent; and Louis Coulter and Catherine McAllister, collectors, have been all dismissed.

FOUGHT AT SALACLAVA.
Corpl. W. Jenkins, late of the R.H.A., who fought at Salacclava, has died at Norwich. He was engaged with his battery in covering the return of the remnant of the Light Brigade.

QUALITY BY COLOUR.
During the hearing of a Law Courts case a furrier said the quality of a sable skin depended on its colour, the lighter-coloured skins being inferior. Chinese or Manchurian sable, he added, were not quite so good as Russian.

CHAPLAIN AS TRAMP.
The chaplain of a Devonshire workhouse has visited many casual wards in the west of England in the guise of a tramp. He states, as the result of his experience, that the system is too repressive, and that the genuine searcher after work is hardened against a return to the industrial ranks.

NEXT WEEK, "WILL HE ANSWER 'GOO GOO'?" SUNG BY MISS MAY LEWIS.

"ISN'T IT LOVELY TO BE IN LOVE?"

SUNG BY GEORGE D'ALBERT.

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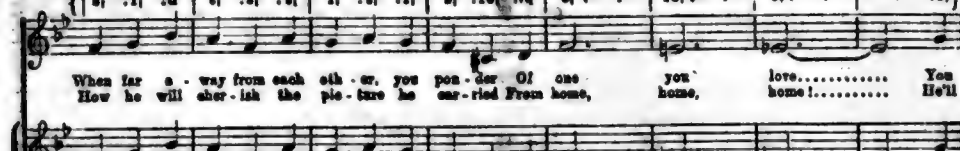
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2. Or - er the sea, when a lad - die has tar-ried, To roam, roam, roam,.....



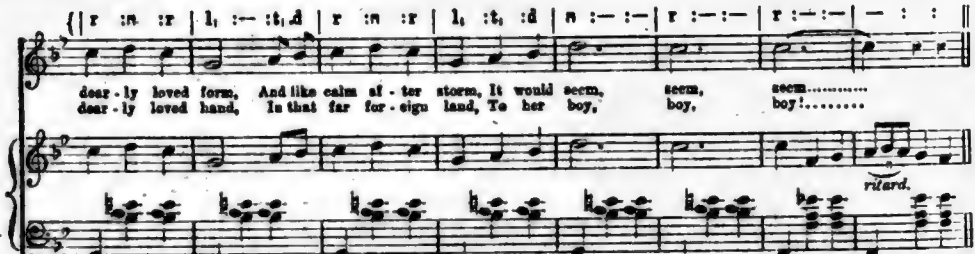
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How he will cher - ish the pic - ture he car - ried From home, home, home!..... He'll



cher - ish each to - ken, each ten - der word spok - en. And dream, dream, dream..... Of the
nev - er for - get her, and soon her dear let - ter brings joy, joy, joy.....



know that, some where in the world, There's a girl in love with you!..... you!.....



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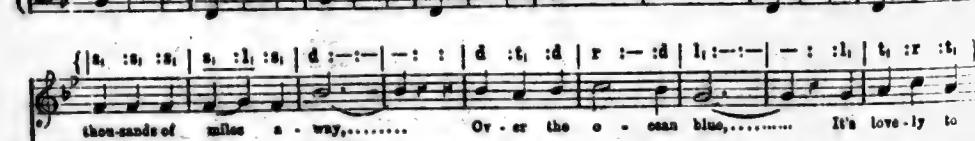
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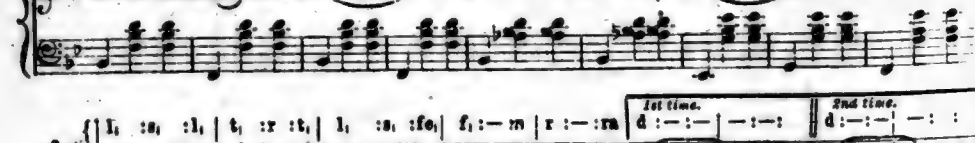
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DIVORCE COURT STORIES.

THEATRICAL SUIT.

SEQUEL TO A YOUTHFUL MARRIAGE.

ETHICS OF KISSING.

The case which aroused much interest in theatrical circles, in which Mr. Beaumont Witty, of Stoke Newington, Bristol, asked for a divorce on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Vera, with Mr. Alexander Davidson, terminated this week in a verdict for the husband. When the marriage took place in 1905, Mr. Witty was 19 years of age, while the lady was 17. There was one child. The misconduct was stated to have occurred during a tour in the summer of 1907, to the South Coast by the "Dutch Serenaders," a concert party to which both Mr. Witty and Mr. Davidson belonged, the former playing under the stage name of Vera Beaumont. Mr. Davidson was for petitioner; Mr. A. Powell represented the wife; while co-respondent appeared in person.

The Co-respondent's Evidence.—Mr. Alexander Davidson, co-respondent, gave evidence, and said he was an actor. He had never been in any improper relations with either Mr. Witty or Mr. Davidson. On some occasions, while the "Dutch Serenaders" were on tour, he had kissed her, and she had sat upon his knee, but never with her arms round his neck. Witness characterised statements made about himself and Mrs. Witty as an engagement at Drury Lane Theatre. Mr. Dickens (cross-examining): Are you living with your wife now? No—When did you cease to live with her? Five or six weeks ago. Has she constantly complained about you going about with other women? No. Has she ever complained? Yes, twice, once some years ago, and once last summer. Has she had to sell her home up to provide herself and her children with the necessities of life? I do not know. Have you provided her with sufficient money always? Not always.

What do You Think of Yourself?—Mr. Witty placed great confidence in Mr. Davidson, and said he was anxious to come to terms with his wife and to live with her again, was he not? I believe so. Did he ask you to do all you could to help him in that? Yes. On July 17 he wrote to you: My dear Alice—I wonder if she is thinking of me. I can only hope the decision will be in my favour. Remember what you promised me, old chap, though I don't suppose you were reminding me of my earning my life's gratitude, old chap, by what you are doing.

At that time were you kissing and cuddling his wife? I kissed her, but did not cuddle her. Let us see the distinction that you, a married man, draw. She was sitting on your lap? Yes. That was the wife of a man who was writing such letters to you? Was it while you were sitting her to go back to her husband? No. What do you think of yourself? Do you think it was a proper thing to do with a young girl who was a wife?

Liked, but did not love, her. Had you a passion for her? No. Did you like her? Yes. Did you love her? No. Is that the way you carry on with young married women whom you have no love for? No. Did you have your arms round each other? No. Did she have her arms round you? No. Did you embrace each other? No. I had my arm round her waist once. Was that when she was kissing you? No. That I remember. How did you begin to kiss each other first? I expect it was me. How old are you? Thirty-one. I suppose you know Mrs. Witty's age? No. Asked why he did not question one of petitioner's witnesses, co-respondent said: "I'm not a barrister. I have been here. I did not know how to conduct a case. I'm getting on now."

Silence to Golden.—Mr. Dickens: Why did you write to Mrs. Witty that "silence is golden"? Because she had written to me that her husband intended taking her to the States. Silence is golden in divorce proceedings. I should think so. You wanted her to keep her mouth shut? No; but not to talk to her husband, who was taking proceedings, but to take the advice of people who knew better than the two kids that they are. Mr. Powell: You said you had not sufficient money? Yes. I had not always sufficient. Does it occur to you, as to other actors, that sometimes you are without funds? Co-respondent (with emphasis): Very often.

Judge and the Stage.—In summing up, his lordship said the case was in a very small compass. These two people were to have lived perfectly happily together until the wife joined the theatrical company managed by Mr. Newell. The husband's letters were always affectionate, the wife's gradually diminished in affection. Judging from the correspondence, the coolness began when Mrs. Witty joined the "Dutch Serenaders." The theatrical profession also needed no defence, and he did not suppose it ever stood in a higher position than to-day. Its members were people whose reputations were deservedly high. They were men and women like the rest of us, they had their passions and feelings, and their proper ideas of right and wrong, and they themselves would not ask to be judged from a different standpoint from other people. It was all very well to say they might call each other by their Christian names, or give a chaste kiss to one another; but that was not what was told of in that case, of people sitting on each other's knees and kissing in private.

No Excuse for Him.—Assuming that Mrs. Davidson was quite sure that no member of the theatrical profession, if questioned in the witness-box, would say that that sort of thing could be endured as the custom of the profession. What excuse had that young woman, his lordship asked, for allowing that sort of thing after a fortnight's acquaintance? This said it was foolishness. But what excuse had co-respondent, a man of 30, for treating that young married woman as he had? Davidson had told them that he had had trouble with his wife over other women, so they knew what sort of man he was. There was no excuse for him. His lordship pointed out that the burden of proof as to misconduct rested upon petitioner, who made the charges. The jury took less than a quarter of an hour to consider their verdict, which was in favour of petitioner, as stated. His lordship granted petitioner a decree nisi, with costs, and the custody of the child.

£1,250 DAMAGES.

ARTILLERY OFFICER AS CO-RESPONDENT.

Heavy damages were awarded in the case in which Mr. Ernest H. Harrison, of Westgate House, Chichester, was petitioner, and Capt. Hugh Poyser Meares, an artillery officer, was co-respondent. The parties concerned, as reported in last week's "People," became acquainted on the occasion of a croquet tournament at Chichester. Capt. Meares entered the box this week and declared that he had never been guilty of misconduct or any impropriety. Mrs. Harrison, who was not true to her husband, had left him. He was on perfectly friendly terms with her. He was first introduced to Mrs. Harrison in 1903, but it was not until the following year that he saw so much of her. He noticed that petitioner and his wife did not get on well together, and on one occasion he mentioned the matter to him, and wondered if he could get a separation or a divorce. In January of 1905 witness went to Bermuda, returning to this country again in July for a month or five weeks. During that period he again visited the Harrison home. The husband ever warns you that you visits were too frequent, or that you were paying too much attention to his wife? Never; on the contrary, he asked me to take his wife about.

Exceedingly Foolish Letters.—Asked about the letters sent by him to Mrs. Harrison, Capt. Meares replied: I wrote those letters, which are exceedingly foolish letters, which I do not think I should have written. I do not think I should have written those letters. One writes things there that one would certainly not write in England. Had you heard at the time you wrote them of the separation? I heard of the separation only when I got back to England, from a third party. Were you ever a lover of Mrs. Harrison? No. What were your sentiments towards her? I was very sorry for her as a friend, and I did my best to make her have a better time. There was nothing more than that. Witness admitted that, in 1907, he frequently saw Mrs. Harrison when she was living at Southsea. He used to call when passing on his way to or from the club. Was it while you were there that you saw Mrs. Harrison's sister or some lady friend would be with them or the eldest boy, who never left his mother, following her about like a shadow.

What a Servant Saw.—They both took part in croquet tournaments at Bournemouth, Southampton, and Bognor. Counsel reminded witness that the servant Benson had said that one evening he found him sitting on Mrs. Harrison's bed, and that he sent her out for some whisky and soda. Capt. Meares: It is absolutely untrue. I was never in Mrs. Harrison's bedroom, except once, when I went to mend the electric light, and either a sister or one of the boys was present. She has also said that one night you called when the mistress was in bed, and that you sent for her to come down in her dressing-gown? It is absolutely untrue. Throughout this friendship with Mrs. Harrison have you ever done anything you need be ashamed of? No.

Severe Cross-examination.—Mr. Gill (cross-examining): You are not ashamed of anything? Not in the least. Writing love-letters, as a married man, to the wife of your friend is not a thing you are ashamed of? Witness: Are they love-letters? Counsel: Have he been with you. The jury have heard them read, and I do not want to read them again. I suggest to you that these are passionate love-letters. Witness: I do not consider them passionate love-letters. I think a love-letter is much more passionate. Counsel repeated his question with regard to the letters. Witness replied: I say it was a most foolish thing to do, but I am not ashamed of them. In 1905 you were only home for a month? A month or five weeks. Did you spend most of the time at Chichester? I was living at Southsea, and I used to run up to Chichester. Did you not spend most of the time with Mrs. Harrison? Certainly not.

A Chichester Scandal.—Do you know you were so much with her that month that the matter became a scandal in the city of Chichester? I know it could not be, because I was a good deal more with her husband than with her. Did you know they were separated shortly afterwards? I did not know until some time afterwards. "You are and always will be the one man in my life. I love you, my darling, with my whole heart and soul, as you know by now." Do you say that you did not know that the woman who was writing to you like that was separated from her husband? No. "I do really trust you completely now. Your last letters have made me feel that that is so, and I shall never doubt you again, sweet-heart. Are you counting the hours, as I am, I wonder, till I get back? Good-bye, my beloved, with all my heart." Do you say the woman whom you wrote that did not tell you that she was separated from her husband? No.

Where Tastes Differed.—Why did you not introduce this lady to your wife? My wife and I have always had our own friends, we made that arrangement. A lady standing in the relation to you that Mrs. Harrison did never once visited at your wife's house? My wife never called upon her. Did you ever ask

your wife to call upon her? Certainly not. Why not? Was she not a desirable woman to know? The taste of myself and wife are not in accord. Mrs. Harrison and I play croquet, whereas my wife does not. The servant Boomer said you used to send her for whisky kept by a person of the not inappropriate name of Lush? That is where I get my whisky, and where Mrs. Harrison got hers. Boomer said that when you were at Mrs. Harrison's you used to send her for whisky? Certainly. Was not the whisky charged to your account? I do not think so, except on one occasion, when I had lost a bet. Do you mean to say you used to bet bottles of whisky? No; but I bet a drink, and I got a bottle of whisky. Witness admitted having accompanied Mrs. Harrison, at her mother's request, to London in connection with the divorce proceedings. Counsel put in evidence a letter from the hotel Victoria, showing that Capt. Meares and Mrs. Harrison had stayed there. There was no address after the lady's name, which was next but one to the captain's. Witness explained that Mrs. Harrison's room was in a different corridor from his. You know it, do you? I know the Hotel Victoria very well; I've been staying there for 20 years.

£1,250 Damages Awarded.—Witness did not know whether his wife was in court or not. He wrote her the previous night, telling her that the case would be coming on, and that she would probably be wanted. After consulting together for about 20 minutes the jury reported that they were of opinion that petitioner had proved the case against co-respondent. The president accordingly pronounced for a decree nisi, giving petitioner the custody of the children.

MISS LENA ASHWELL.

HER DIVORCE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE.

Justice Barragane Deane formally made absolute the decree nisi granted six months ago in the case of Playfair v. Playfair. The petition, it will be remembered, was of Mrs. Lena Ashwell, better known as Miss Lena Ashwell, the actress, for the dissolution of the marriage by reason of the cruelty and adultery of her husband, Mr. Arthur Wyndham Playfair, actor. There was no defence. The parties were married on March 23, 1900, at St. Giles' Church, and lived at Bedford Court Mansions. They were no children. The married life was not happy, respondent, according to counsel, when under the influence of drink, being guilty of acts of violence towards his wife.

Scene at a Flat.—On Feb. 15, 1907, petitioner's father was very ill, and she went to see him at his flat, having been asked by her husband to come and look after him. Her father, who was not expected to live. When, however, Mr. Playfair arrived at midnight he was in such a condition that he was, counsel declared, quite unable to see the gentleman. Counsel went on to say that petitioner left the flat with her husband and her sister, when they went to see her father. When they arrived, and abusing his wife, took up a carving knife and ran at her with it. Mrs. Playfair got away and went to her room. Respondent followed and made threats, and attempted to strike her. Petitioner then went to the drawing-room, where she spent the night. Next day she sent home to her father's flat, and remaining there till Mr. Playfair's brother came and removed her to return.

More Violence and Abuse.—She did so, but respondent's violence continued. On Nov. 7, 1909, counsel added, respondent being under the influence of drink, took up a chair, brandished it about, and struck the floor, frightening his wife. Mrs. Playfair went out and locked herself in her room. On Nov. 8 there was another scene. Mr. Playfair tried to bolt his wife out of the house, and when she got in he was violent, swore at, and abused her, and he told her to go out of the place. In December, 1909, she left her husband, and they had never lived together since. As respondent's mother died on Dec. 21 last she was seen to go to the Great Northern Hotel with a lady, and the two stayed there under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Paynter for two days.

Miss Ashwell's Career.—The marriage of Miss Lena Ashwell to Mr. Arthur Playfair was not only a theatrical wedding, but interested the public. The bride was the daughter of Commander C. A. B. Pocock, R.N., who afterwards took orders, and the bridegroom the youngest son of Maj.-Gen. A. L. Playfair, of the Indian Army, and a cousin of Lord Playfair. Miss Lena Ashwell was born in the high class, on the board of the Wellesley training ship, and was educated at Toronto. Her stage career commenced as a servant in "The Pharos," at the Grand Theatre, Ipswich, in March, 1891. She appeared with Mr. Tree in "Julius Caesar," but made her first success in "The Duke of Burgundy" with Sir Charles Wyndham in 1900. She created the title role in "Leah Kleschna" in 1905, while her success in "The Shulamite" led to her embarking on management at the Kingsway Theatre. She is the sister of Mr. Roger Pocock, founder of that well-known troupe, the Legion of Frontenacs.

WIFE'S DISCOVERY.

Story of an ex-Parliamentary Candidate's Misconduct.

Mrs. Ellen M. Sharp, nee Jacobson, petitioned for the dissolution of her marriage with Herbert Sharp, by reason of his cruelty and adultery. Mr. Bayford said that the parties were married on June 5, 1899, at St. Mark's Church, Marnham, Bradford, Yorkshire, and there was no issue living of the marriage. After the marriage, respondent, who was a Bradford merchant, went to reside at Bingley, near Bradford, and before long petitioner discovered that her husband was addicted to intemperate habits. He became more and more irregular in his habits, and on various occasions he seized hold of her and hurt her. In 1909 respondent became a candidate for the Gainsborough Division, and to that fact his wife attributed his frequent absences in town. In May, 1908, petitioner's

health completely broke down, and she was for some considerable time under treatment by Dr. Chamberlain. Petitioner and her husband had at that time come to reside at Ashley Gardens, and subsequently they moved to York Mansions. At this time respondent had become seriously ill, but his father-in-law paid his debts.

A Separation.—Notwithstanding respondent's conduct towards his wife continued to be intolerable, and in July, 1901, they separated under a deed. In 1905, however, respondent became very anxious that his wife should abandon her rights under the deed, but she declined to do so, unless he paid her a capitalised sum of £5,000 and £5,000 thereupon (threatened) to institute divorce proceedings against her unless she assented to his demand, and on her refusal to do so he filed a petition for divorce. She, however, refused to be coerced, and the petition was dismissed, and the husband paid the costs. This year, however, the wife discovered that in 1899, at the time when respondent was a candidate for Gainsborough, he induced a young woman, named Florence Morgan, to live under his protection, and stayed with her at the Hotel Cecil and the G.V. Hotel, Paddington, posing at the latter as "Mr. and Mrs. Samuels." Finally, having promised to make a will in her favour, and to settle certain policies on her, he induced the woman to take a flat at Buckingham Gate Mansions, promising to pay the rent. He visited her there as her husband, but

declined to pay the rent. In August, 1900, deserted her. She was, accordingly, compelled to institute proceedings against him in the King's Bench Division, and by his defence he pleaded that his promise to pay was based upon an immoral consideration. He, however, settled the action. Petitioner had also ascertained that in January, 1907, respondent was visited at Riverside, Sunbury, by a Mrs. Whitehead, who was a woman who was repeatedly seen in a bedroom which was repeatedly seen in a bedroom in his room. With regard to the young woman Morgan, she had declined to give evidence unless she was paid a certain sum of money. As, being a guilty party, she could not be compelled to give evidence, she was paid the sum of £500, and her evidence had been taken on commission, as she was about to proceed to Belgium, en route for New Zealand. Evidence having been given in support of the petition, Justice Barragane Deane pronounced a decree nisi, with costs.

VISIT TO THE TOWER.

A KIDNAPPER GETS 18 MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

The sequel to a visit to the Tower of London was told at the Central Criminal Court when Wm. J. Manser, 29, a printer, was indicted for unlawfully by fraud, leading and taking away and detaining Lily Rosemary, a child nine years of age, with intent to deprive the parents of the possession of the child. On the morning of Aug. 22, the child, whose parents live at Cork-st., Camberwell, accompanied two brothers and some other children to the Tower. They had a baby in a perambulator, with them, and at the Tower the girl was left outside to mind the baby and perambulator. She was greatly distressed by not being admitted. On being rejoined by her companions the girl went with them into the Tower gardens, where they were accosted by a prisoner, who, hearing the girl's story at not being able to see over the wall, promised to take her to the Tower, and coming back to the other children all started for Camberwell.

A Ride in the Train.—In Millstream-rd. prisoner, who was walking with the little girl, suggested that they should go down another turning a d so get in front of her companions. He took her down several streets and finally to a tube station. They entered a train, and the girl came in. When they alighted prisoner took her to a house and locked her in. He then went to the house and at night prisoner put her and this child to bed. She remembered nothing more until the next morning, when she found prisoner in bed with them. When they got up prisoner suggested they should have eggs for breakfast. He took her to a shop to purchase eggs, and she heard the prisoner's conversation. The child, a bright, intelligent girl, eventually found her way back to her parents and was able to give such information as led to prisoner's recognition. Prisoner

ATTEMPTED TO RUN AWAY.—but was seized by the girl's mother and dragged into the street. When charged at the Police Court prisoner asked, "If I plead guilty, can't the matter be cleared up from loss of memory and sometimes was not responsible for his actions. In his defence prisoner complained that he had been subsequently put up for identification in connection with the murder of a child whose body was found in a lavatory. The jury found prisoner guilty. Several previous convictions were proved against prisoner, and a detective stated that the police had failed to trace the parents of a little girl called Winnie who had lived in the same house as prisoner since 1907. Eighteen months' hard labour.

PLEA OF BAD TRADE.—A farrier appeared at Clerkenwell Court on a judgment summons. Judgment was recovered in the High Court in June for £36 10s. debt and costs. Defendant said he could make no offer. He was doing nothing in his farriery business. The rent of 25s per year was paid by his wife. His employer, the farrier, Judge Edgar, I don't understand why you should keep on four hands if you are doing nothing. You must make some alteration. An order was made for payment of £2 10s. per month.

LAWYER AND LADY.

A SOLICITOR'S BREACH OF PROMISE.

A young lady who objected to having her portrait published was plaintiff in the King's Bench Division, before Justice Coleridge and a common jury, in an action for breach of promise. Her name is Ethel Maud Ware, and defendant was Mr. J. O. Robinson, a Croydon solicitor, of whom damages were claimed. Mr. F. O. Robinson was counsel for plaintiff. Defendant did not appear, nor was he legally represented. Mr. Robinson said that his client had informed him that prior to the case being called she had observed some of the strongest possible objection to any picture of herself appearing in the papers, and he had to ask on her behalf that such a thing should be discontinued. In the Divorce Court there was an order prohibiting sketching. His lordship said that if he saw any sketching going on he would mention the matter.

In a Milliner's Shop.—Mr. Robinson, opening plaintiff's case, said that his client claimed damages for breach of promise to marry her. Plaintiff was a young lady who in 1903 was engaged in a milliner's shop at Croydon, living there with her relations. Defendant was a solicitor, also residing and practising in Croydon. A



MISS ETHEL MAUD WARE.
(Sketched when leaving the Court.)

friendship arose between them, and in October, 1906, defendant offered plaintiff marriage, which she accepted. She was introduced by him to his relations, and went to visit his father at Crowborough, Sussex, where she was introduced as his fiancée.

"Understand and Forgive."

From that time onwards things progressed favourably towards a happy marriage, and in September, 1907, plaintiff, who was then at Bourne-moat for her health, received a letter from defendant as follows:—Dear Child—I find it is impossible for us ever to be married. Do not ask a reason—Yours, JACK.

Plaintiff was much upset about this, and a day or two afterwards she received from defendant all the letters she had written him, together with a small present she had given him. He had presented her with an engagement ring. Plaintiff wrote to defendant to know what it meant, and he, on Oct. 11, replied as follows:—Dear Peggy—I will meet your train at Waterloo, and will try and explain things. I now recognise that my letter of last week was unwise. I ought to have explained my reasons, but I was so worried that I hardly knew what I was doing. It seemed to come all of a flash to me. But I still think, and always shall, that I am acting rightly. I have heard nothing from you since I wrote that short letter. Have you written? But you will be able to tell me that to-morrow. Yours, as always, JACK. Believe me I am not acting cruelly, as I cannot tell you what must be. You must understand and forgive.

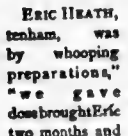
You are Well Rid of Me.—The next day she returned to town, and he had not been to the station. He still insisted on his desire to break the engagement, and tried to persuade her to give up her engagement ring. On Oct. 22 he wrote:—Dear Peggy—My mother showed me your letter to her, and you can understand how distressed I was to hear that you were so ill. Although we are both suffering greatly now, our unhappiness will not last for ever, as it would if we married and did not agree. You must realise that I am not the man to make you a good husband, and that our married life could not be happy or successful one. You are well rid of me. You will rightly say I ought to have found it out long before I did. But I did not. Why I cannot tell. I was too upset to explain things properly on the Saturday evening I met you at Waterloo, and I expect you found me abrupt and cold. I was not in reality. I hope, dear Peggy, that some day you will be happily married to some man worth more in every respect than I am. I shall always wish you well—Your friend, JACK.

After that letter, which contained unmistakable signs of his intention, was plaintiff contacted her solicitor, who wrote to him. **His One Good Client.**—Defendant then appeared to have changed his mind, and replied to the solicitor. **Dear Sirs—**After due consideration I have decided to carry out my promise of marriage to Miss Ware. The young lady hoped then that things would go on as before, and that he would fulfil his promise, but, although they met several times, it was quite obvious that his feelings had changed, and eventually at an interview in February last he definitely told her he no longer cared for her, and she had better find someone else to marry her. She did not know much of his business, but she did know he had one good client, his father, a moneylender, who was in a very large way of business. Miss Ware bore out her counsel's opening. Without leaving the box, the jury awarded the damages at £200, and judgment was given for plaintiff for that amount, with costs.

DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL.—An "Old Boys" Association in connection with the above institution is in course of formation. The hon. sec., Q.M.S. Cathcart, Commandant's Office, the School, Chelsea, will furnish all information.

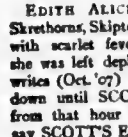


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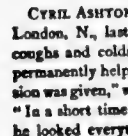
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